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6		ATTORNEYS FOR FORD ELSAESSER, CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE			
7	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT				
8	DISTRICT OF NEVADA				
9	In re:	Case No. BK-S-06-10725-LBR			
		Case No. BK-S-06-10726-LBR			
10	USA COMMERCIAL MORTGAGE	Case No. BK-S-06-10727-LBR			
	COMPANY,	Case No. BK-S-06-10728-LBR			
11		Case No. BK-S-06-10729-LBR			
12	USA CAPITAL REALTY ADVISORS,				
12	LLC,	Chapter 11			
13	VIGA GARVEAL RAVERGUEVER ERVIGE	T.			
14	USA CAPITAL DIVERSIFIED TRUST DEED FUND, LLC,	Jointly Administered Under Case No. Case No. BK-S-06-10725-LBR			
15	USA CAPITAL FIRST TRUST DEED FUND, LLC				
16	USA SECURITIES, LLC				
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	Debtors.				
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10	Affects:	VERIFIED PETITION FOR			
19	■ All Debtors □ USA Commercial Mortgage Company	PERMISSION TO PRACTICE			
20	☐ USA Capital Realty Advisors, LLC ☐ USA Capital Diversified Trust Deed Fund, LLC	IN THIS CASE ONLY BY ATTORNEY NOT ADMITTED			
21	☐ USA Capital First Trust Deed Fund, LLC☐ USA Securities, LLC				
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23	Thomas Rice, Petitioner, respectfully rep	presents to the Court:			
24	That Petitioner resides in the San	Antonio, Texas area.			
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- 2. The Petitioner is an attorney at law and a shareholder in the law firm of Cox Smith Matthews Incorporated, with offices at 112 E. Pecan, Suite 1800, San Antonio, Texas 78205, (210) 554-5500.
- 3. That Petitioner has been retained personally or as a member of the law firm by Ford Elsaesser, Chapter 11 Trustee for the estate of Joseph D. Milanowski, to provide legal representation in connection with the above-entitled case now pending before this Court.
- 4. That since 2000, Petitioner has been and presently is a member in good standing of the bar of the highest Court of the State of Texas where Petitioner regularly practices law.
- 5. That Petitioner was admitted to practice before the following United States District Courts, United States Circuit Courts of Appeal, the Supreme Court of the United States and Courts of other States on the dates indicated for each, and that Petitioner is presently a member is good standing of the bars of said Courts.

Western District of Texas, 2000 Northern District of Texas, 2000 Southern District of Texas, 2000 Eastern District of Texas, 2000

- 6. That there are or have been no disciplinary proceedings instituted against Petitioner, nor any suspension of any license, certificate or privilege to appear before any judicial, regulatory or administrative body, or any resignation or termination in order to avoid disciplinary or disbarment proceedings.
 - 7. That Petitioner has never been denied admission to the State Bar of Nevada.
 - 8. That Petitioner is a member of good standing in the follow Bar Associations:

State Bar of Texas American Bar Association San Antonio Bankruptcy Bar Association

9. Petitioner or any member of Petitioner's firm (or office if firm has offices in more than one city) with which Petition is associated has/have filed application(s) to appear as counsel under Local Rule 10-2 during the past three (3) years in the following matters:

Date of Application	Cause	Title of Court Administrative Body or Arbitrator	Was Application Granted or Denied
September 9, 2005	05-0115	U.S. Bankruptcy Court	Granted
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June 16, 2006	06-cv-00710	U.S. District Court	Granted
June 16, 2006	06-cv-00710	U.S. District Court	Granted
June 14, 2007	07-13162	U.S. Bankruptcy Court	Granted
June 14, 2007	07-13162	U.S. Bankruptcy Court	Granted
August 21, 2007	07-13162	U.S. Bankruptcy Court	Granted

- 10. Petitioner consents to the jurisdiction of the courts and disciplinary boards of the State of Nevada with respect to the law of this state governing the conduct of attorneys to the same extent as a member of the State Bar of Nevada.
- 11. Pursuant to the *Order Granting Motion to Waive Requirement of Local Counsel Pursuant to Local Rule IA 10-2(d)* [Docket No. 92] entered on June 26, 2007 in Case No. 07-13162-LBR pending before this Court, Petitioner is not required to associate a resident member of the bar of this court as co-counsel.
- 12. Petitioner agrees to comply with the standards of professional conduct required of the members of the bar of this court.
- 13. Petitioner has disclosed in writing to the client that the applicant is not admitted to practice in this jurisdiction and that the client has consented to such representation.

1	That Petitioner respectfully prays that Petitioner be admitted to practice before this Cour			
2	FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CASE ONLY.			
3 4	DATED: August 28, 2007 /s/ Thomas Rice			
5	Thomas Rice			
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7	STATE OF TEXAS)			
8	COUNTY OF BEXAR)			
9	Thomas Rice, Petitioner, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:			
10	That the foregoing statements are true.			
11	/s/ Thomas Rice			
12	Thomas Rice			
13	Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of August, 2007.			
14	/s/ Allison C. Seifert Notary Public for the State of Texas My Commission Expires: August 14, 2009			
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